

Recycling saves! Reducing the amount of trash by becoming committed to recycling is good for the environment and the wallet. The city collects over 20,000 tons of garbage a year. The average household of three produces approximately 1.4 tons of garbage a year, 84% of which can be recycled, including paper, cardboard, cans and bottles. Even food scraps and yard waste can be composted. If everyone would make a concerted effort to recycle, the cost of services could be reduced.

NEW! A pilot program for recycling is being tested in several neighborhoods. To encourage recycling and potentially save the city thousands of dollars in dumping fees (not to mention the environmental benefits!), recycle bins are being replaced with 65 gallon carts, offering more convenience for customers. A brochure describing the program is available below.

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Want to find out more? The city's Environmental Committee works to empower residents to be responsible stewards of our natural resources. The Committee meets at 6 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the City Hall conference room. All meetings are open to the public.

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CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Once a week curbside recycling is provided by the City of Kennesaw. If your pick up day falls on a holiday, the route will not be picked up that week, but will be picked up the following week on your regular scheduled day. This is a service that is encouraged and provided at no extra charge to the customer. Bins **MUST** be placed on the curb before 7 am the day of collection.

In order to protect the environment by conserving natural resources and preserving rapidly dwindling landfill space as well as minimizing waste disposal costs, the City of Kennesaw encourages all residential and commercial/industrial occupants to recycle all recyclable materials and implement reduction activities. The following is a listing of items accepted by the City recycling program. Any items contaminated with food or other debris (oil, feces, etc.) will not be collected.

Acceptable Items:

Paper: newspapers (inserts & ads okay); magazines & catalogs; brochures & pamphlets; mail envelopes (windows & labels okay); file folders & card stock; printing/writing paper (colored paper okay); shredded paper (bagged); telephone books, paperback books and hardback books

Cardboard: corrugated cardboard & boxes (flatten or cut up); cereal & cracker boxes; food cartons & boxes; milk cartons & drink boxes; paper bags; paper towels & toilet paper rolls; paper egg cartons

Plastics: plastics with numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6 or 7; soda & water bottles; mouthwash bottles; catsup & salad dressing bottles; milk & water jugs; cosmetic & shampoo bottles; bleach, laundry & dish soap bottles; household cleaning bottles

Metals: aluminum cans; steel/tin cans; clean scrap aluminum; non-hazardous aerosol cans (empty)

Glass: unbroken bottles and jars (clear, green, brown)

Items NOT Acceptable:

Food or liquid waste Books - gummed or glued bindings

Frozen food containers Cookware or pots & pans

Paper or plastic cups & plates Tarps or garden hoses

Napkins or paper towels Toys or child pools

Plastic bags (store, bread, ziploc) Metal or plastic pails or buckets

Tissue or gift wrap Electronics or electronics housing

Aluminum pie pans or foil Photographic paper, tapes or CDs

Light bulbs or fluorescent tubes Print or toner cartridges

Cellophane food bags (i.e. salad, candy) Auto parts or batteries

Pet food bags Motor oil or anti-freeze bottles

China or ceramics Diapers

Clothing or shoes Kitchen utensils or dishes

Clothes hangers Prescription vials

Aluminum siding for homes Draperies or blinds

Plastic film packaging (shrink/saran wrap)

Styrofoam, bubble wrap, packing peanuts

Medical supplies (syringes, needles, lancets)

Yard waste (grass, weeds or tree trimmings)

